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Letter dated 24 August 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter, dated 19 August 2016, from the Chair of the Working Group of the Security Council on Children and Armed Conflict established by Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 17 May 2016 (S/AC.51/2016/2) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Ramlan Bin **Ibrahim**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Letter dated 19 August 2016 from the Chair of the Working Group of the Security Council on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General

At its 57th meeting, on 2 March 2016, the Working Group of the Security Council on Children and Armed Conflict examined the second report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Iraq (S/2015/852), covering the period from January 2011 to June 2015. At its 58th meeting, on 17 May 2016, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Iraq (S/AC.51/2016/2).

In follow up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014) and 2255 (2015), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

(a) Welcome the efforts of your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) and the United Nations Children's Fund to highlight the plight of children affected by armed conflict in Iraq and advance efforts to strengthen their protection;

(b) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in Iraq and other relevant United Nations agencies continue their engagement and efforts to support the Government of Iraq to address violations and abuses committed against children in armed conflict;

(c) Recognizing the importance of the monitoring and reporting of violations and abuses against children, request you to ensure the continued effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on violations and abuses against children in armed conflict in Iraq, especially in the areas most affected by conflict;

(d) Request you to continue to give priority to the child protection activities and capacity of UNAMI and ensure that information and analysis on children and armed conflict in Iraq are specifically included in your future reports, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions.

(*Signed*) Ramlan Bin **Ibrahim**
Chair
Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict